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Daniel D. Opalski, Director
Office of Water and Watersheds
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101-2617

Re: Alaska's Non-Point Management Strategy

Dear Mr. Opalski:

I am please to submit an updated Non-Point Management Strategy for the State of Alaska (Enc. 1). I believe this document outlines the big picture goals we will strive toward and provides a roadmap for the projects we will accomplish over the next five years. Specifically, Appendices A and B represent these goals. I understand that Region 10 is concerned about Alaska's resource allocation and appreciate your recognition that prudent management drives that changes should not happen overnight. I expect as we work through the Performance Partnership Grant process in the ensuing years the goals in the appendices will change.

I have also enclosed a summary of how we addressed your major concerns about our draft Non-Point Strategy (Enc. 2). I appreciate the time your staff, especially Jayne Carlin, spent providing input into our document. I am confident the final product improved because of your input.

Should you have any questions on our proposal, please contact me directly, or Nancy Sonafrank (907 451-2726) or Cindy Gilder (907 269-3066).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Bonnet Hale".

Michelle Bonnet Hale
Director

cc: David Croxton, USEPA
Jayne Carlin, USEPA
Sharon Morgan
Nancy Sonafrank
Cindy Gilder

Enc. 1: Non-Point Source Strategy, Sept. 2013
Enc. 2: Response to EPA's Major Comments